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WESTERN FROZEN FOODS CHARGED WITH UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES!

Warehousemen Local Tells Members to Keep Clear of Company-Dominated Setup

"Do not go for any company-fostered contractual relations until you, the members employed at Western Frozen Foods, have the say. Our union will, in the final analysis, come out with your original demands for 90 cents for women and $1.00 for men as minimums."

This was the appeal issued this week by Peter A. Andrade, secretary-treasurer of Warehousemen and Teamsters 890, following the NLRB charge of unfair labor practices against the firm. Says Andrade:

"Unfair labor practice charges against the Western Frozen Foods will be carried through to the letter. Continue to attend the regular meetings which are held the first Monday of the month at the Watsonville Labor Temple. People working at similar plants in the Salinas area are now receiving 80 cents to $1.20 per hour. The same conditions will eventually apply at Western Frozen Foods. So stick to your union, Local 890."

Developments this week followed recent reports that the Western Frozen Foods had admitted through its settlement of an agreement with the NLRB that it had violated sub-sections 1 and 5 of Section 8 of the National Labor Relations Act which covers intimidation, coercion and restraint of employees, as well as refusal to bargain collectively. Notices were posted by the Board within the plant, instructing all superintending employees to "cease and desist" from further interference with the activities of a legitimate union. The Board also ordered that the company-fostered union be dissolved immediately.

An attempt of the International Chemical Workers Union to muscle in on the plant was frustrated recently when AFL President Wm. Green recently ordered that union to "desist and withdraw from any attempt whatever to organize employees" at the Western Frozen Foods Company plant in Watsonville." Green pointed out at that time that "by no stretch of the imagination" could the Chemical Workers rightfully have jurisdiction over these employees.

The NLRB was originally brought into the local picture when it was found that the company, through its officers, had intended to force Local 890 of the Int. Brotherhood of Teamsters completely out of the plant by giving employees a 5-cent-an-hour raise while the union was negotiating for a 25 per cent increase.

GILROY MEETING!

Local 890 announces that turkeys will be given away to members attending the meetings at Gilroy Hall Tues., Dec. 11. Meeting times are at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. All members employed at Sam Regas and Sons at San Juan, please attend the above meetings!

NEW HOUSING BILL BACKED BY AFL HEAD

Washington, D. C.

A compromise General Housing Bill, assured of bipartisan support, was introduced in Congress by Sen. Robert F. Wagner (D., N.Y.).

The new bill reflects an agreement between Senator Wagner, and Senator Taft (R., Ohio). Hearings began recently before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, of which Senator Wagner is chairman.

It is hoped that passage of this legislation will make possible a huge construction program to meet the serious housing shortage and to provide millions of new jobs over the next 10 years. The bill includes the major features of the AFL's housing program.

Combining the Federal Home Loan bank board, the Federal Housing Administration and the United States Housing Authority into a single agency under one policy-making head, the bill concentrates on enabling private enterprise to expand its activities in the so-called middle market or "no man's land" of housing by strengthening the FHA system so as to reach a greater number of families in that market.

Reader's Digest Pulls Fast One That Turns Into Labor Boomerang

Chicago, Illinois

A Reader's Digest attempt to intimidate local auto workers with alleged anonymous letters from its members has backfired and you could hear the backfire all the way from Chicago, Ill., to Pleasantville, N.Y., where the unpleasant anti-labor magazine is published.

Last August the union's paper, The Beacon, ran a story about the anti-labor, anti-Negro, anti-Semitic articles in the Reader's Digest, leaving the impression it wasn't the kind of magazine a union member would like to patronize.

Back came a letter from Fulton Oursler, senior editor of Reader's Digest, telling the editor of the Beacon how the Beacon's own readers—members of Local 330—had been writing to him, complaining about the Beacon's article and its "suppression of the freedom of a magazine"—a new variation on freedom of the press.

Members of the union became so indignant they put the Digest letter on the agenda, conducted a more intensive investigation of the Digest and ended up unanimously condemning the magazine "as anti-labor and as falsely representing itself to be an impartial digest."

A labor paper the Digest had glibly asserted found the Digest "fair" was actually found to have denounced it and the members counted a dozen major anti-labor articles in two years. These were articles condemning unions and the list did not include those opposed to policies unions support.

The union report and resolution have been mimeographed and distributed to the labor press generally. Senior Editor Oursler's answer to the resolution has not yet been received.

New York Labor Steps Up Drive For Bond Sales

New York City

Three hundred union delegates representing 750,000 AFL members in New York City speeded up their Victory Loan campaign at a rally of the Central Trades and Labor Council. In addition to urging all its members to continue purchasing bonds through payrolls savings, the council is conducting a special drive to promote sale of at least one $200 Roosevelt bond to each member.

Try This Next Time

A neighbor whose magnificent roses are a strong temptation for passers-by while she is away at business each day decided to take drastic steps. The "Please Do Not Pick Roses" sign proved useless. She took it down and put up a new one.

Now she returns home each evening to find her blooms untouched. The new sign reads—"YOU ARE BEING WATCHED!"

Santa Claus Is Awfully Good For Retailers

Detroit, Michigan

The advertising handout of the Detroit News has this information on Santa Claus (italics ours):

"Next to mother he's the best friend that children AND RETAILERS ever had. You can make Santa's job—and mother's shopping—easier by telling your Christmas story in the News."

Union Legion Members Ask Justice For Ousted Vets

New York City

Union Members of the American Legion have demanded the rehiring of three World War II veterans fired by Montgomery Ward & Co. and have put the heat on Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of selective service, to show a little interest in forcing discriminating employers to give veterans their legal rights.

In a letter to Hershey, Vice-Pres. Henry Geisz of the Natl Conference of Union Labor Legionnaires listed the three veterans:

FIRED WITHOUT CAUSE

Erich Strainer, honorably discharged from the Navy, fired without cause by Ward's Chicago plant the day the army turned the plant back to the company.

Robert Magnan, marine, Purple Heart veteran wounded at Guam, fired from Ward's Albany plant after he told a supervisor he would strike if asked to do so by his union.

William Donovan, infantryman, Purple Heart veteran wounded in Germany, fired in Albany the same day for the same reason.

"These men did not make their sacrifices on battle fronts to come home to rank discrimination by employers," Deisz told Sewell L. Avery, chairman of the Ward board. "The national labor relations act gives every man, veteran or non-veteran, the right to affiliate with any union he may choose. The right to strike is a legal right. We demand reinstatement of these three veterans."

WHEN IS A STRIKE NOT A STRIKE?

Pittsburgh, Pa.

A decision that western Pennsylvania soft coal miners were ineligible for unemployment compensation because of a strike of supervisory employes was backed up by William H. Chestnut, secretary of labor and industry of Republican Gov. Edward Martin's administration.

In a letter to Pres. Frank Hughes of Dist. 3, United Mine Workers (unaffiliated), Chestnut asserted that the unemployment compensation law "leaves no basis on which the members of your organization could be considered eligible for compensation." The law, he said, carries a provision "specifically disqualifying any individual whose 'unemployment is due to a voluntary suspension of work resulting from an industrial dispute.'"

Workers engaging in an industrial dispute must wait five weeks to become eligible for jobless benefits. The strike was called off before the end of that period.

Mine workers here point out that their suspension of work in the recent strike was not voluntary since they could not enter the pits because of the absence of supervisory personnel, but the state insists they struck.

Service Men's Wives Picket N. York Paper

New York City

Representatives of the WIVES, a national organization of servicemen's wives, took over the picket line at the New York Daily News recently.

The line, which was set up more than a month ago by the Veterans Committee against Discrimination, is in protest against the anti-Semitic sentiments of John O'Donnell, Washington columnist for the News.

A great man is seldom taken at his true value, but lots of others sell out for far more than they are worth.

Attacked By Tories



Because of his friendliness to labor, the "small, powerful reactionary group" which dominates American Red Cross tried to ditch National Chairman Basil O'Connor (above), Mrs. Eugene Meyer, wife of Washington Post publisher, charged at conference in New York. (Federated Pictures)

Machinists Out Of AFL; Union Referendum On Matter Planned

Chicago, Illinois

Pres. Harvey W. Brown of the Int. Assn. of Machinists told press representatives here that he was not surprised by the action of the AFL in suspending the IAM, largest Federation affiliate, for nonpayment of back per capita.

William Green, AFL president, appeared at the recent IAM convention to plead with the Machinists to pay up and stay in, but the convention voted to continue withholding per capita payments "pending fair treatment" with reference to jurisdictional claims. The convention also voted to hold a nationwide referendum on the matter next month.

The jurisdictional grievances of the IAM involve disputes with the Carpenters and Operating Engineers. Brown told reporters that "the jurisdiction of the machinists union has been made a football for those who control the policies of the Federation" and that "for a number of years the AFL council has pursued a policy directed toward the dismembering of the machinists trade." He added that the deferred per capita tax, which now amounts to more than $100,000, would be "held in escrow for payment on the day that the AFL council will agree to give the IAM the same treatment, the same assistance and co-operation accorded to other affiliates."

Despite the bitterness of the jurisdiction controversy, Brown told the delegates at the recent convention that the IAM wished to remain in the AFL.

Builders Must Check With WLB on Changes In Wages Till Jan. 1

San Francisco, Calif.

On recommendation of the Wage Adjustment Board governmental controls over wage adjustments in the building and construction industry have been extended from Nov. 16 to be effective until Dec. 31, it is broadcast by Chairman Thomas Fair Neblett of the Tenth Regional War Labor Board here. General order 41 was modified by the U. S. board Nov. 7.

So applications for wage increases and/or decreases in this industry, whether resulting from collective bargaining or not, must be submitted to the WAB for approval, Neblett emphasized, whether "such wage changes will be used in whole or in part as a basis for scaling up to price ceilings or resisting otherwise justifiable reductions in such price ceilings or for increasing costs to the U. S. Government."

"Under order 41, WAB is authorized under the federal government policy on new wages, announced Aug. 10, to approve increases necessary to correct maladjustments or inequalities which would interfere with effective transition to peacetime economy."

Head of AFL Union Urges Support For Auto Worker

New York City

The fight of the automobile workers against General Motors, under the leadership of W. P. Reuther, is one of the most crucial struggles of labor in the United States of America at this hour, stated A. Philip Randolph, International President, of the AFL Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, at the headquarters of the Union here.

The refusal of General Motors to arbitrate the question of the wage demands of the auto workers is not only a rebuff and defiance of the automobile workers, but it constitutes a slap in the face of all of the trade union workers of the United States of America, black and white, Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Protestant, A. F. of L. and CIO.

If the automobile workers win this battle, it will be the victory of the workers of every craft and class and industry in this country, and will strengthen the forces of organized labor and give it the confidence and faith in its strength and cause to triumph over the forces of reaction. If the automobile workers do not win, it will be a set-back to all labor in America, said Mr. Randolph.

Union Editors Declare Labor-Boss Conference A Dud; Few Interests In Common, Says Tobin

Belief that the Labor-Employer Conference which has been going on in Washington for several weeks will turn out to be a complete flop is expressed by two national labor publications this week.

Daniel J. Tobin, Teamster president, writing in the current issue of official international magazine, declares: **"I cannot see how it is possible for labor and management to reach any kind of an understanding. The two interests are distinctly opposite."**

An editorial in "Labor," official national publication of the 15 standard railway labor organizations, is equally pessimistic as to any constructive achievements coming out of the conference. Says the editorial, in part:

"Some of the employer delegates, who had previously indicated a desire to reach an understanding, suddenly changed their tunes.

"They began by advancing proposals so transparently anti-union that they might have originated with such labor haters as Senator 'Pappy' O'Daniel of Texas, or Congressman Howard Smith of Virginia.

"They called for drastic legislation clearly intended to hamstring unions so they could no longer serve as effective instruments for protection of workers."

"These maneuvers — to which some of the employer delegates have incidentally refused to subscribe—give color to the charge that certain industrialists are preparing for a war against labor in which they hope to cripple unions during the postwar period," the paper says.

Boss Convicted For Violations Of Labor Laws

San Diego, Calif.

Mgr. Walter G. French of the American News Co. here was fined $1250 in municipal court for 25 violations of the California child labor law and women's 8-hour law. The complaint, filed by the deputy labor commissioner, charged French with employing three youths and a woman more than eight hours daily. French was placed on probation for one year by the court and $1000 of the fine was held in suspension.

GREEN ASKS SUPPORT OF CANCER WAR

San Francisco, Calif.

In a letter addressed to National and International Unions, President Green of the American Federation of Labor urges all members to join in the fight against cancer by giving generously to the American Cancer Society when the opportunity arrives.

President Green pointed out in his letter that the American Federation of Labor has always played a part in the pioneering movements, aimed at improving the health and welfare of all the people of our country. The fight against cancer is just such a movement, and I am certain that we will all join in helping the American Cancer Society conquer this most dreaded of all fatal diseases today."

Unions Again Back 'March Of Dimes'

New York City

Organization of national labor unions into the fund drive for 1946 March of Dimes, to be conducted January 14-31 by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, is announced from the office of Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation.

Appointed co-chairmen of the National Labor Division are William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor; Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations; and Thomas I. Cashen, cchairman of the Railway Labor Executives Association.

BIG SUPPORT SHOWN

In the past, these unions have actively supported the March of Dimes through their own fund-raising organizations. In 1945, AFL members contributed $162,330.93 to the National Foundation. CIO members contributed $95,786.85 in the same period. Independent unions contributed $8938.40 during the year. These figures are exclusive of individual donations made at movies and other public functions.

Green and Murray have served as co-chairman of the National Labor Division since the founding of the organization in 1938 by the late President Roosevelt. Cashen served as a labor co-chairman in the 1945 drive.

San Francisco Culinary Labor Gets Increases In New Contract

San Francisco, Calif.

Described by John A. St. Peter, executive secretary of the AFL Culinary Joint Board of S. F., as "one of the best contracts in the United States," the new pact with restaurant owners here provides for wage increases as high as 40 per cent, it is pointed out.

All increases provided for are over and above the 1942 wage levels and include:

1. Dishwashers, 40 per cent hike They, vegetable men and porters are granted $6.75 for a full shift, with $1 extra for those working in jobs combining any of the listed classifications. (This compares with $5 in the 1942 contract.)

2. Bartenders, 25 to 40 per cent.

3. Cooks, 23 per cent. Head cooks will receive $14.80 a day, as compared with $12 in 1942. Second cooks are given $11.70, as compared with $9.50 in 1942.

4. Waiters and waitresses, 20 per cent. These classifications, along with bus boys and bus girls, are granted $6 for 7½ hours within eight hours, as compared with $5 under the previous pact.

The AFL Culinary Joint Board in S. F. has bargaining rights now covering some 18,000 workers. There are about 5000 waitresses, 2300 dishwashers, 2700 cooks, 2500 bartenders, 2500 waiters, and about 2200 hotel service workers, janitors, lobby porters, etc.

The new contract runs for five years, but can be reopened annually on the wage question.

The Health Program: Federation Urges Labor to Support Truman Proposal

(Release from Office of California State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

In his special message to Congress, President Truman proposed a National Health Program, pointing out that millions of our citizens do not have a full opportunity to achieve or to enjoy good health. Millions do not have protection against the economic effects of sickness. Selective Service had to reject five million young men, or one-third of those examined. An additional three million had to be discharged or rehabilitated.

The following five point program for legislation was submitted by the President of the United States:

1. CONSTRUCTION OF HOSPITALS AND RELATED FACILITIES. Federal aid should be provided for construction of hospitals, health centers and other facilities where they are needed. **These are essntial if doctors are to be able to furnish modern service.**

2. EXTENSION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICE. The existing co-operative health program between the federal and state government should be strengthened. All parts of the country and all groups in the population should be able to benefit from them. Expansion is especially important to prevent disease and to provide services for mothers and children. **Approximately 40 million persons in the U. S. live in communities which still lack full-time public health services.**

3. MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH. The opportunities for further health progress are very large. Research pays large dividends. Professional education should keep pace with progress. Federal grants-in-aid should assist and encourage research so that we shall learn more about how to prevent and cure disease. Federal aid should also support more adequate professional education. Special emphasis should be paid to research on the cause, prevention and cure of cancer and mental illnesses.

4. PREPAYMENT OF MEDICAL COSTS. Everyone should have ready access to all necessary medical, hospital and related services. The cost of essential medical services should not stand in the way of the patient who needs care. A compulsory national health insurance system is proposed toward attaining this goal. It would be a system for prepayment of the cost through premiums which people could afford and which are paid while they are well and working. It is **not** socialized medicine. Prepayment would relieve families from worry about medical cost and would also work toward preventing serious disease. Patients would remain free to choose their doctors—doctors would remain free to accept or refuse patients. Hospitals would continue to manage their own services. Voluntary organizations could participate in the insurance system, either to provide services and to be paid therefor, or to assist in administration, depending on their function. Decentralized administration would provide for needed local adjustments. Doctors and hospitals could expect security and improvement of income at the same time that patients are relieved of unexpected and burdensome costs.

5. PROTECTION AGAINST LOSS OF WAGES FROM SICKNESS AND DISABILITY. Disability insurance would protect America's families by guaranteeing some income when they are sick or permanently disabled.

The Federation urges its affiliated unions to write or telegraph to President Truman and to the California congressmen and senators their support of this program.

Clip This---You May Need It!

Unemployment Insurance

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Department of Employment

(This is No. 10 (and the last) of a series of articles designed to thoroughly inform you of your rights and responsibilities under the California Unemployment Insurance Act.)

INTERSTATE CLAIMS—Any worker who has earned sufficient wage credits in California in employment subject to the Act may file a claim against California in any State, Alaska, Hawaii, or the District of Columbia.

Through the Interstate Benefit Payment Plan, subscribed to by the Unemployment Compensation Agencies in the respective states, a claimant may use the registration for work and claims taking machinery of any other state in order to draw unemployment insurance under the law of the State of California.

If a California worker is unemployed while residing in another State, he should follow the same procedure exactly as though he were still in the State of California, namely: register for work with the USES and file a claim against California with the Unemployment Compensation Division of the other State. Usually both of these organizations have staffs in the same local office.

REMEMBER THESE THINGS

1. The purpose of unemployment benefits is to provide an income for unemployed workers who are ready, able and willing to work while they are trying to find new jobs.

2. When you become unemployed, immediately go to the nearest USES office and register for work.

3. After you have registered for work, file a new or additional claim for unemployment insurance with the California Department of Employment located in the same office.

4. You must serve a one-week waiting period during which you must be eligible in all respects, and for which no unemployment insurance is payable. (Before Sept. 15, 1945 the waiting period was two weeks.)

5. Examine your Notice of Award of Unemployment Insurance which you will receive by mail, and discuss any error or omission of wages with the claims examiner within seven days after you receive the notice.

6. Report on the report day and hour assigned to you for faster and more efficient service.

7. When you report present your Identification and Appointment Card.

8. On each of your visits to the office for claim purposes clear with the USES for job opportunities and in order to be available and registered for work.

9. Report all of your earnings for the period for which you are certifying and claiming unemployment insurance.

CONCLUSION

If at any time you are uncertain of your rights and responsibilities under the California Unemployment Insurance Act, see a claims examiner in the local office.

Garment Workers Aim $200 Bond Per Member

New York City

Drive of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union to sell at least one $200 Roosevelt bond to each member during the Victory Loan got under way at a meeting of officials of the Dressmakers Joint Board. The new Franklin D. Roosevelt medal will be awarded to the 100 shop chairmen achieving the best quotas.

SUPPORT THIS BILL!

San Francisco, Calif.

Unions are being requested to communicate with the California senators, urging them to support Senate Bill 101 which provides for a continuation of FEPC legislation. This legislation is designed to prevent discrimination against workers because of race, creed, color or nationality.

A number of reactionary members of Congress are resisting this bill, and it is important to make known to the members of the Senate the urgent need for its enactment. The American Federation of Labor is solidly behind this measure.

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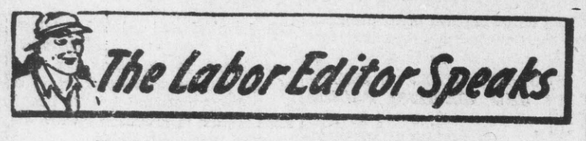
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YOU TELL 'EM, HENRY DUBB!

Well, folks, you know how all us good Americans gotta stick together an' keep our good ol' free enterprise system a-goin'. We gotta be on the lookout for these here termite radicals that are tryin' to naw the props out from under it. Yep, we gotta keep these here furrin idees away from our shores an' we gotta tell Uncle Sam to quit monkeyin' aroun' with private business. We gotta tell these softheads like Henry Wallace an' Schwellenbach an' Outland an' Murray an' Patman that'r backin' this here full employment bill that if they don't like this here country, then why in hell don't they go back to Russia where they come from?

What we gotta do is lissen to the *big* men of this here country that made 'er great, that give us little guys jobs, that keep the wheels a-turnin'. Now here's a lotta sound advice from these *big* men that are tryin' to save America from the clutches of these here com-*moon*-ists in Washington:

"It is to be honed that depressions are never abolished, for they have many desirable features. Those who learn to 'ride the business cycle' can find as many advantages in depressions as in booms . . ."

Now, that there piece come out of "Opinion and Comment," a paper that's put out by the College of Commerce of the University of Illinois. Readin' sumpin' like that kinda makes you proud of your country, don't it? Now, here's another by William L. Lieitz, vice-president of the Guarantee Trust Company:

"I think that depressions are inevitable under the free enterprise system and the best we can hope to do is to limit their depth and duration."

See? None of your dirty ol' com-*moon*-ism in *that! No, siree!* An' here's another solid bunch of red-blooded American patriots that won't sell out our freedom to a bunch of long-haired bolshe-*veek*-ies:

"Depressions are the price we pay for freedom."

That's what the New York Chamber of Commerce said, but the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce's got even *more* good ol' red blood than the New York one. It really hits the ol' nail on the head and shows up these here Washington crackpots when it says:

"Private competitive capitalism requires a floating number of unemployed."

No pussyfootin' there, see? They really tell off them there Roosian reds. An' then there's a lot of them nitwits that are talkin' about clearin' up the slums an' givin' a lotta lazy, good-for-nuthin' loafers places to live. Now, you take this here John W. Scoville—he's a economist for the Chrysler Corporation, and he's gotta head on 'im. He sees how the com-*moon*-ists are tryin' to tear down our sassietv. Look how *he* blasts 'em:

"If the people living in slums don't like them, let them move out. Some people like to live in one-room shacks. There is no solution to this problem . . ."

Yessir, it sure makes a feller feel dam' good that the big men are spendin' all their spare time savin' this here country from the wreckers! It's sure mighty fine to know our *big* men are onto these here red rat stooges for this here dirty Roosian dictator Stawllin. An' decent citizens like us are gonna get back to them good ol' days when a red-blooded he-man stood on his own feet an' sol' apples if he had to to pertect his free enterprise. *You betcha!*

EPISTLE TO SENATOR TAFT

DEAR MR. TAFT: You have long argued that price ceilings should be scrapped so that a free market can "find its own level." Out here we have just had a good illustration of your theory. The OPA dumped the ceiling on citrus fruit. Immediately the citrus fruit people found the "level," all right—the price immediately leveled right up to 70 per cent more, and the wage-earners who are told to eat the basic seven every day found they had to pay three-fourths again as much for their Vitamin C. This is a good example of what would happen if all ceilings were removed. The "free market" might find its own level, all right, but while it was finding it a lot of squeezed people would be trying to find shotguns—and gentlemen like yourself as targets.—Yours truly,

I. M. WEARY.

ONE WAY OF SAYING IT

Any man who says this country is not badlv in need of the Roosevelt-Truman-Wagner-Murray-Dingell national health insurance program simply doesn't know his posterior from a depression in terra firma.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Big business economics: *Make a lot of stuff to sell to the workers and pay them so little to make it that they can't buy it back!*

THE ULTIMATE IN 'FREEDOM'

Democracv is a way of life whereby a man like Bilbo is paid $20,000 a year to call other citizens "kikes," "niggers" and "dagoes."

GIGGLES AND GROANS

ENTIRELY IMPARTIAL

MARILYN: "I wonder if Jack really loves me."

CAROLYN: "Sure he does! Why should he make you an exception?"

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MISPLACED PANACEA

A very, very bald-headed man never lost hope that some day, somehow, he would find something that would restore the mop he once wore on his head.

He bought everything that was offered at drug stores.

Came the day when he read an ad in a magazine and he hied him to the beauty doctor that professed to perform miracles for people. He bought a bottle of something and omitting the reading of the label he applied it all night and all day.

The third day he reappeared at the beauty doctor's and taking off his hat to prove his statement said:

"Look here. I bought this hair restorer and all it's done for me is raise these two big lumps on my head."

"My gracious," said the beautician, looking at the label on the bottle, "I made a mistake and gave you a bottle of our never-fail bust developer!"

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THE PURPLE PURSUITOR

MOTHER: "Why did you run home last night,"

DAUGHTER: "I was being chaste."

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REVERENTIAL APPEAL

"How does an old maid finish her prayer?'

"I don't know, how?"

"Ah, men!"

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NO NEO-MALTHUSIAN

A young married woman wanted her new maid to be pleased with her position. "You'll have a very easy time of it here," she explained sweetly, "because we have no children to annoy you."

"Oh," said the colored girl, generously, "I'se very fond of children, so don't go restrictin' yourself on my account!"

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QUICK ON INTAKE

Two tight Scotchmen were sitting at a bar, each waiting for the other to buy a second round of drinks. To make conversation, one asked:

"Did you have a good hunting trip?"

"Yes, it was a good one," replied the other. "I shot a moose right between the yours."

"What's yours?" asked his puzzled friend.

"Double Scotch and soda," said the hunter quickly, "thank you very much."

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PURELY HEREDITARY

"Gosh! That sounds like a gun, and I've been afraid of firearms since birth."

"Was your mother scared by a gun?"

"No, but I think my father was."

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THIS COMPLEX WORLD

An old codger sat smoking a cigaret in the waiting room of a bus terminal when a porter came along and said: "Can't you read that notice on the wall over there—'NO SMOKING ALLOWED'?"

'Oh, sure, I can read all right," said the old codger, "but I can't keep all your rules. There's another sign on the wall there which reads 'Wear Gertie Girdles.'"

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SAME OCCUPATION

"Is Hector still mopping up decks in the Navy?"

"Oh yes, he's the same old floor flusher as always."

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SIMPLE FORMULA

"What is the best method to prevent the diseases caused by biting insects?"

"Don't bite the insects.'

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A DOUBLE ORDER

SAILOR: "Waiter, bring me some tomato juice for a pickup."

WAITER: "Yes sir! And what will you have for yourself?"

Cheer Up, Folks!

Congress wants to outlaw strikes, incorporate unions, end the union shop, impose compulsory arbitration and limit visits to the toilet.

But they'll still let a fellow join the Chamber of Commerce!

POOR BOSS!

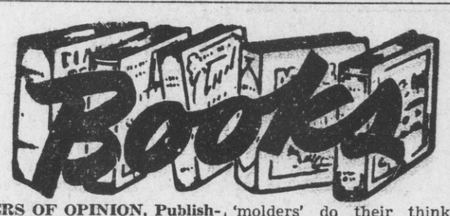
San Diego, Calif.

Page Herbert Hoover! Free enterprise is going to heck in a wheelbarrow out here in California, where the State Dept. of Industrial Relations is leading contractors a dog's life whenever it catches them paying off workers with rubber checks.

Latest victim is O. R. Elvrum, building contractor of this city, who was sentenced to jail for a mere matter of giving an employe a no-good paycheck for $365. Worse still, Elvrum's sentence was suspended for 14 years, during which he must refrain from drinking, gambling or passing out more rubber paychecks.

THE MARCH OF LABOR





MOLDERS OF OPINION, Published by the Bruce Publishing Company, 540 N. Milwaukee St., Milwaukee 1, Wis. Price $1.75.

In this symposium, various contributors well known in radio and journalism attempt to take apart some fourteen of the leading newspaper columnists and radio commentators of the country to show you what makes them tick. The fourteen are Paul Mallon, Dorothy Thompson, Gabriel Heatter, Walter Lippmann, H. V. Kaltenborn, Westbrook Pegler, Fulton Lewis Jr., Sumner Welles, Raymond Gram Swing, Drew Pearson, David Lawrence, John B. Kennedy, George E. Sokolsky and Walter Winchell. There are some interesting discussions, too, and you can spend a pleasant evening pitting your own prejudices against those of the contributors.

As one concerned about advancing the cause of labor, I naturally don't like the effort by James M. Gillis to sugar-coat one of the nation's top reactionaries—Sokolsky. I would go even harder on Pegler than John B. Kennedy does—much harder. If I had written the chapter on Fulton Lewis Jr., I would have burned the hide off him. Generally speaking, however, the vignettes are well done.

Going through this book brought to mind the question: "Why do the American people like to have 'molders' do their thinking for them?" Nearly all of these idols have feet of clay. They have prejudices even as you and I. A checkup over the years shows that they often size up situations wrongly. Several of them have definite tie-ups with big business and anti-labor elements and slant their comments accordingly. Yet you meet neighbors who "swear by" Dorothy or Walter or Gabriel as any fundamentalist swears by Genesis. It would be better if every American got his news straight and were his own commentator. But, alas, that doesn't seem to be part of our "way of life"!

—AL SESSIONS.

TIME OUT FOR FUN

If you think that all the good jokes come from radio m.c.'s, Hollywood comics and columnists, you should know that truth is stranger than fiction. Here is proof from a nation's press, which is the peepul, caught by Editor and Publisher, the newspapermen's trade Bible:

FOR SALE

GOOD PAIR of shoes; going back to Tennessee.—Detroit News.

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MATTRESS in use only a few weeks and large diamond engagement ring.—Merced (Calif.) SunStar.

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LOST

PAY ENVELOPE at Rockingham race track Thurs. afternoon. —Haverhill (Mass.) Gazette.

* * *

$25 reward for information leading to the arrest of the polecat who stole my rod from my car in front of Cowboy bar. — Jackson's Hole (Wyo.) Courier.

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WANTED

Married dairy hand to strip behind milking machine.—San Antonio (Tex.) Express.

* * *

Lady Clerk for store, with kitchen and bedroom privileges if necessary. — Brantford (Ont.) Expositor.

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One adult, permanent, no children or pets, desires small bedroom or efficiency apt. Desperate! Now living with serviceman's wife and service man will be home Nov. 1.—Miami (Fla.) News.

Jawbones and Asses

It's a wonderful thing to have the authority to do anything you want to, but Congress should remember that the last time Samson flexed HIS muscles he brought the whole building down on his head.



"Luther," said Mr. Dilworth, "the time has come when I think you must learn the value of money."

"I've gathered a little of that from the way you hang onto it," his son said.

"But not enough," Mr. Dilworth continued. "From now on, not only am I going to give you a weekly allowance. No. From now on I'm also going to charge you for rent, clothing, etc., every week."

"One thing at a time," said Little Luther. "What's etcetera? And how much will it cost,"

"Well," mused Mr. Dilworth, "etcetera is the other things your family gives you. Like my loving care. My instruction in the ways of the world. The guidance you get in how adults behave."

"Then we'll put etcetera down for 1c a week," Little Luther announced. "I'll admit I'm learning a lot from you about what kind of people there can be in this world, but when I think of the guidance you give me, I've got to subtract 95 per cent."

"You don't do me justice, Luther," his father said.

"Maybe not," Little Luther admitted. "But neither could a truck driver, a mule skinner, a fishwife, a hack driver, or a soldier compelled to drive a lieutenant to an officers' ball."

"I don't know what you mean," said Mr. Dilworth.

"It's probably just as well," Little Luther said. "But let's get on to other points. How much am I going to get for food, lodging and clothes?"

"Well," his father said, "I was thinking of giving you $1.50 a week."

"$1.50 a week!" Little Luther exclaimed. "Why, it will cost me 20 times that much. Do you know the price of . . .'

"Price doesen't enter into it," said Mr. Dilworth sternly. "Are you trying to take management's prerogatives away—I mean are you trying to take parents' prerogatives away from parents?"

"No," said Little Luther. "I'm just trying to get enough . . ."

"Enough, indeed!" screamed Mr. Dilworth. "You're just like the unions. Enough is too much for you."

"But I still want to be able to break even on. . . ."

"Hush, Luther. This discussion is over," Mr. Dilworth said. "I won't stay in the same room with you. I'll go to the newspapers. I'll go to Congress!"

"You'll go to hades," said Little Luther. "I'm going to get an annual allowance, a fair living allowance, or I'm going to picket this house till you have to sneak out in a laundry bag."

duPonts Head Gen. Motors, Biggest Firm In Existence

New York City

General Motors Corp. is the largest industrial concern in the world. It has more than 100 plants in the U. S. with more than 77 million square feet of space and before the war had 36 plants abroad.

During the war, when it was also operating 18 government-owned plants, it turned out $10 billion worth of war goods—with the labor of half a million workers.

HUGE PROFIT SHOWN

The auto industry increased its profits—before taxes—by 120.1 per cent in the years 1941-44 over what they made in 1936-39 and profits—after taxes—by 20.6 per cent in the same period. In addition to increased profits, GM salted away $76,051,805 as "postwar and contingency reserves" and can do very nicely on this amount, plus tax rebates Congress has slavishly voted for industry, while it waits for strikers without "postwar and contingency reserves" to get hungry on the picket line.

Controlling stockholders in GM are the duPont family, which also dominates U. S. chemical and munitions industries. Its chemical empire is almost completely unorganized although a few plants have been unionized during the war.

Before the war, various members of the duPont family were the principal financial backers of the mis-named semi-fascist Liberty League and some are known for their contributions to the Christian American Association, the Texas-born American fascist organization that has been promoting anti-closed shop, anti-picketing, union registration laws in a score of state legislatures.

Wanted: More Belly Wrinkles

Los Angeles, Calif.

"Because they haven't got wrinkles in their bellies yet," some people aren't taking jobs that are offered at cut rates today. Acting State Director Raymond Krah of U.S. Employment Service told a Chamber of Commerce committee.

A labor leader was present at a meeting when Krah made the remark. Krah has also been noted for statements blaming labor for the army's and navy's failure to return high-point GIs to the U. S. promptly.

Gulf Metal Labor Urging Congress Probe of Higgins Lockout Tactics

Tampa, Florida

Congress was called on to investigate the anti-labor fight of Higgins Industries Inc. in a resolution of the AFL Gulf Metal Trades Council in a 2-day convention just ended here. The council demand was made at the same time Florida's union-hating attorney general, J. Tom Watson, publicly invited shipbuilder Andrew J. Higgins to set up his open shops in this state.

Delegates from Louisiana, where Higgins has shut down his $10,000,000 plants, charged he is saving taxes and breaking the unions by his sitdown strike.

The council's 100 delegates from Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and Alabama also demanded strengthening of OPA and backed the national 30 per cent wage increase program by asking a 36c hourly boost for all shipyard workers. The boost would up skilled workers' wages 30 per cent, lower-paid workers' wages even more.

The proposals will be carried to the Shipbuilding Stabilization Committee's national wage conference in Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 4 by Council Pres. John W. Cummings and Sec. John Van Dillon.

Watson coupled his offer of "protection" to Higgins with an announcement he would "immediately begin proceedings to annul all existing contracts which recognize and maintain the closed shop." He will act under Florida's so-called right-to-work constitutional amendment, which is now before the U. S. Supreme Court for a ruling on its constitutionality.

Labor leaders in Florida believe Watson's program has a double aim—to break the growing wave of labor organization here and to blaze the trail nationally for big industrialists of the north who would also like to smash the union shop.

Fund Agency In 'Boner': MISQUOTING OF SECTION IN CASE OF INJURED EMPLOYE SHOWN IN GALLAGHER REPLY

(Release from Office of California State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

In a previous issue of the NEWS LETTER, misstatement by the State Compensation Insurance Fund in giving information to an injured worker was condemned as unpardonable and shocking. This state agency, in a letter dated November 7, 1945, specifically quoted Section 4661 of the Labor Code as providing solely that a claimant was not entitled "to both a temporary and permanent disability payment, but only to the greater of the two." (As may be seen from their letter to us, which is printed in full at the end of this article, they admit the misstatement of this code section.)

The Federation had pointed out quite correctly in its News Leter article that the State Compensation Insurance Fund had unequivocally misquoted this section, which had been amended at the last session of the State Legislature and which amendment had become law on September 15, 1945—nearly two months prior to the date on which the letter in question was sent out by this state agenry.

Section 4661 of the Labor Code, as amended, reads as follows:

Where an injury causes both temporary and permanent disability, the injured employee is not entitled to both a temporary and permanent disability payment, but only to the greater of the two, except that where the temporary disability payment exceeds 25 per cent of the permanent disability payment the injured employee shall be paid 75 per cent of such permanent disability payment in addition to the temporary disability payment.

This is the law.

HERE IS THE REPLY

Now the State Compensation Insurance Fund has come along with a reply to the NEWS LETTER article in which it not only admits the misquotation of Section 4661, but seeks to justify it by asserting that, although Section 4661 did not read as stated on Nov. 7, 1945, in the letter of such date, the conclusion set forth in this letter is nevertheless correct, because, the Fund contends, the Section as effective Sept. 15, 1945, applies only to injuries occurring after Sept. 15, 1945.

This was not a point at issue at any time as far as the News Letter story was concerned, but since it has been raised, the Federation wishes it to be clearly understood that whether Section 4661 will apply retroactively is not by any means settled with the interpretation of the State Compensation Insurance Fund. As a matter of fact, the Federation differs sharply with the Fund's interpretation of the amendment, and for the final opinion on this question will seek a ruling from appropriate authorities.

We print below the letter received from the State Compensation Insurance Fund:

November 20, 1945

Dear Mr. Haggerty:

My attention has just been directed to the unwarranted criticism of the State Compensation Insurance Fund appearing in the November 14th Weekly News Letter released by the California State Federation of Labor.

The State Compensation Insurance Fund letter to which you have taken exception was written on November 7, 1945, and is as follows:

"Section 4661 of the Labor Code states that where an injury causes both temporary and permanent disability, the injured employee is not entitled to both a temporary and permanent disability payment, but only to the greater of the two. Therefore, as you received temporary disability payment in the amount of $3564.28 and your permanent disability was rated by the Industrial Accident Commission in the amount of $1450, you are not entitled to any further disability payments."

The above is a correct statement of the facts and is strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Laws applicable to the particular injury involved. Our construction of the Law is confirmed by the Fund Legal Department, and, in addition, the statement is in exact accordance with the interpretations expressed in the decisions of the Industrial Accident Commision issued since Sept. 15, 1945, in like cases.

The claimant referred to in our letter was injured on January 18, 1943, while the bill passed by the recent session of the Legislature, increasing the benefits of Section 4661, did not become effective until September 15, 1945. Contrary to the impression conveyed by your News Letter, there is nothing in the amendment to indicate that the Legislature had any intention of making the increase retroactive. This amendment is a change in substantive law and without such an expressed legislative intent applies only to injuries sustained on and after September 15, 1945.

Douglas Campbell, considered an authority on our Workmen's Compensation Law, discusses this subject in his volume on Workmen's Compensation (Section 1694): "The rule of construction applied to compensation laws generally is that the law in effect at the time of injury governs. It sets the measure of liability. The right to compensation rests upon the happening of the injury and cannot be destroyed or impaired."

Awards have been issued by the Industrial Accident Commission since September 15, 1945, interpreting Section 4661 exactly in accordance with our letter. For example, we may cite Industrial Accident Claim 74023. This case involved a carpenter who sustained a toe injury prior to September 15, 1945. In their Findings and Award dated October 10, 1945, the Industrial Accident Commission found:

"2. Said injury caused permanent disability consisting of loss of left great toe at distal joint; loss of second toe at middle joint; some discomfort in stumps of such toes, especially when cold. The percentage of said permanent disability is 5½, entitling him to $25 a week for 22 weeks amounting to $550. The benefit is based on maximum wages."

"3. Defendants have paid the sum of $896.42 as temporary disability indemnity and applicant is not entitled to both temporary disability indemnity and permanent disability, but only to the greater of the two, which in this case is the temporary disability indemnity paid."

"It is ordered that applicant take nothing further from the defendants, or either of them, on account of the claim herein asserted."

Your News Letter has great influence and wide circulation among readers whose good will we endeavor to merit. We believe that you owe a responsibility to them, and some responsibility to us, to make sure that assertions of the character contained in your Weekly News Letter are accurate and fair.

Provided it meets with your idea of what is proper in the circumstance, we ask that you publish this letter giving it the same prominence you gave the November 14 Weekly News Letter.

Yours very truly,
/s/ J. J. GALLAGHER,
Manager.

What this country needs isn't more good five cent cigars, but more workers with enough income to buy 'em.

Working Toward Stability



ARE THESE VETERANS—Disabled veterans, mere youth, who were wounded are shown being given shop training so that they may make their own way in civilian life. Training is paid for by the Veterans' Administration through Federal funds such as Victory Loan Bond dollars. Every Victory Loan Bond helps some disabled vet! Veterans' Administration photo.

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Our Own Reichstag Fire? INDUSTRIALISTS STAGE BIG STRIKE OF THEIR OWN, BUT TRY TO MAKE LABOR 'GOAT'

Washington, D. C.

When Hitler and the German industrialists backing him decided it was time to take over the weak German government, they dipped into Hitler's *Mein Kampf*, read the master's words on the big lie being the best one —and invented the Reichstag fire.

A Nazi stooge set fire to the German capitol, the Nazis charged it was a Communist plot, seized the government to "defend the nation from bolshevism" and when their own guilt for the fire was disclosed, they were too firmly established to be ousted. First Communists, then Socialists, labor unions, Jews, Catholics, Protestants were suppressed. Somewhere something slipped. An attempt to suppress the rest of the world failed. That fire was put out in a bath of blood.

"FIRE" IN THE U. S.

There is a Reichstag fire being kindled in the U. S. today and it is time the labor movement moved in its fire engines, put out the fire and caught the fascists red-handed before we all find ourselves marching down the road Germany took.

On the international front, the powerful reactionaries and their lickspittle congressmen and editors are beating the bolshevik menace to death, just as the Nazis once did, and arranging peace conferences without Russia, just as a man named Chamberlain once did.

ATTACK ON LABOR

But this fire is also being lit in another place. It is being lit under the American labor movement. American labor is menacing "reconversion," the press screams in chorus with the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers, the Automotive Industry Council and other aggregations of men in the position Hitler's backers were in.

It might be better if they could charge labor with menacing "white womanhood," the home, or God and country. But reconversion will do. Lots of people have their tongues hanging out for new cars, a refrigerator or washing machine to lighten the wife's load—lots of other reconversion products.

And who's keeping us from having all these wonderful gadgets? Why, labor, of course, with its strikes and its wage demands and its peeking at industry's profit balances. Citizens, let's rise and crush labor: it's a bolshevik menace. Or so the newspapers say.

THUMBING THE NOSE

Management, its vaults bulging with the biggest cash reserves it has had in America's prosperous history, and with blank checks from Congress promising tax rebates if the fight costs industry any money, is saying to labor: To hell with you, and go ahead and strike.

That reconversion would stall and die by the wayside like a pre-war rattletrap if workers took a 30% pay cut—you don't hear that from the press. That merchants and doctors and lawyers will keep their tongues hanging out for cars —and NEVER have the money to pay for them—if labor doesn't get a living wage—you never hear that.

That management itself is striking against reconversion is one of the daily press' best kept secrets.

Meanwhile, the Reichstag is on fire and the stormtroopers have been ordered out to smash the American labor movement. And they have started the wheels in motion, believe it!

When Boss Stalin received Eric Johnston so cordially in Moscow, did he dream that some day Johnston would be called a Czar?

Doctor Trust Repudiated By Members In England

Detroit, Mich.

Socially minded doctors in Detroit are reading with glee the story, just received from the British Labor party, of how the British Medical Assn., known as the British medical trust, was repudiated by its own members on the question of a government health plan for all Britishers.

The plan goes immeasurably farther than President Truman's health proposals because most of his plan has been British law for over 30 years. When the British plan in the form of a government report was published in England the leaders of the British Medical Association viciously attacked it, just as the American Medical Association attacks all efforts here to extend government health protection to the workers.

A BOOT IN THE FANNY

Then a remarkable thing happened. The medical trust, confident that its reactionary views were shared by its membership, sent out a questionnaire on the government plan. But the membership by huge majorities favored the plan in face of their own leaders' opposition.

"In regard to the health centers for instance," says the material from the British Labor party, though the leadership of the BMA "wished to limit them to a few experimental centers, 68 per cent of all doctors who replied, and 83 per cent of doctors already in some form of the government health service, approved of the health center principle. Of those in favor, some two out of every three wanted them to be centers where both preventive and curative work is done, including for instance maternity and child welfare and school medical treatment."

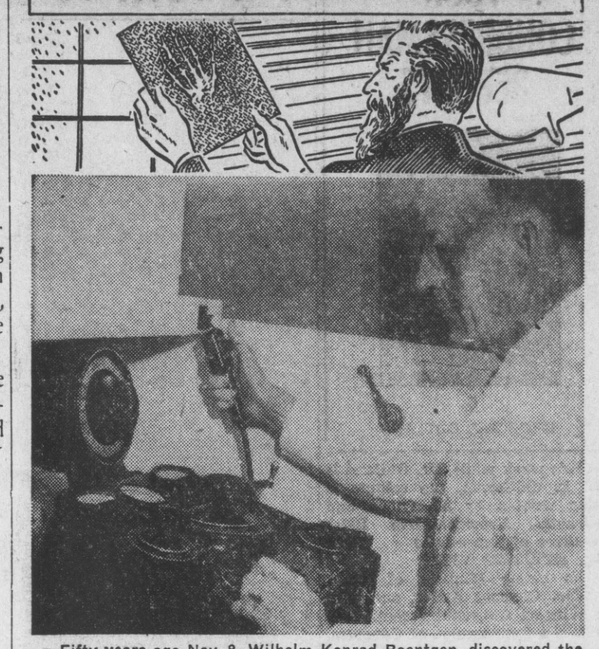
Big Increase In Production Output Shown

Detroit, Michigan

Auto workers were producing 20.4 per cent more per hour in 1940 than in 1929, says a technical study by researchers here. It is charged that Manager George Romney of the Automobile Manufacturers Association deliberately distorted the facts in a government report when Romney claimed an 11 per cent drop.



50 YEARS OF X-RAY PROGRESS



Fifty years ago Nov. 8, Wilhelm Konrad Roentgen, discovered the X-ray and photographed the image of his wife's hand (illustrated above). The lower picture shows a technician at the control board of a modern mobile X-ray unit snapping a miniature chest film. California Tuberculosis associations, which took more than 100,000 of these films last year, will open their annual Christmas Seal Sale, Monday, Nov. 19.

'The Dog in the Manger': CORPORATION HEADS REALLY WORRIED AT LABOR DEMAND TO 'OPEN UP THOSE BOOKS'

Washington, D. C.

Business management is really worried about the new tactic of organized labor checking into its profit and reserve accounts in supporting demands for wage increases. These public displays are both shocking and embarrassing to executives.

One of the fancier research and analysis services issuing costly and documented reports to corporations touches on the question and suggests a way out—one that labor should be ready to answer.

Pointing to the several government reports showing that wage increases can be made without price boosts and without hurting the profit position of industry, this survey advises businessmen that organized labor now holds the initiative and that economic pressure from labor will be timed to hurt management most . . . hurt it in production, in competitive position and in the tax field.

BOSSES SEEK "WAY OUT"

The ray of hope offered to subscribers of the service is that the Office of War Mobilization & Reconversion report showing a 24% increase could be paid out by business is a generalization, and it suggests that each corporation and business get to work on a plan to move negotiations talks away from theory and general statistics of all manufacturing business and down to the bedrock facts of its own individual profit and loss statement . . . its own budget projections.

Executives are advised to make up their own present and estimated figures on payroll and cost, price and volume of profit—along some dozen or more points. These points include:

WAGE RATE COMPARISON

Comparison of the company's wage rates with those elsewhere in the industry and in the territory covered. This breakdown would picture the bearing of wages on sick-leave, vacations, insurance and pensions.

Next there would be a comparison of the requested wage increases with local cost-of-living figures; there would be a set of figures to demonstrate the stability of employment in the company concerned as compared with other concerns; and some figures on how the company's estimated proposed overtime work will increase take home pay and help meet the figure the union is asking.

Union negotiators and committeemen should expect to see some charts showing the firm's volume and profit outlook in order to prove inability to pay higher wages, and to hear a lot of talk about present and forecast requirements of the firm for reserves, expansion and reconversion costs.

Management will attempt to show the difference between profits it made on war goods and the outlook for profits with peacetime production; on the higher costs required to sell many customers in peacetime as compared with the low cost of selling only to our Uncle Sam.

TIME STUDIES PLANNED

Time studies, output per man hour of work figures and other statistical gymnastics are to be in order over the conference table, along with a plea that the elimination of overtime doesn't really represent a saving, but rather increases unit costs and impairs management's ability to raise wages.

Not only will management plead that OPA ceilings prevent it from getting price relief to handle higher wage rates, but it will also contend that even if higher price ceilings are granted, it dare not accept them because of competitive pressure.

Central Valley Project News

A total of 18,005 people visited Shasta Dam during the month of October. All 48 states were represented as well as Washington, D.C., Alaska, Hawaii, Australia, Canada, China, Finland, India, and New Zealand.

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The fishing season at Millerton Lake ended on October 31. During the last half of the month, 9751 fish were caught. This count does not include those caught by fishermen who entered above Friant Dam.

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The George Pollock Company of Sacramento submitted the lowest of 14 bids, which were opened in Friant on Nov. 20, for furnishing concrete aggregates for the Friant-Kern Canal. The bids will be sent to Denver for review and award of contract.

DOCTOR FINDS DOESN'T PAY TO AID LABOR

Force, Penn.

Dr. Elizabeth Hayes, former company doctor for the Shawmut Mining Co. here, who last summer exposed the fact that this company town is something less than a paradise, has been evicted from her office, which she charges was ransacked by company officials.

Dr. Hayes, whose father before her was company doctor for 40 years, upset the traditions of company doctors when she got national publicity for the open sewers running down the streets of this village—and other company town health hazards. When the company refused to remedy conditions, she quit her job and left town.

Members of United Mine Workers (unaffiliated) went on strike and Dr. Hayes returned to help them fight for better living conditions. When she returned from visiting patients Nov. 18, she found a notice tacked on her door threatening her with a $10 fine if she trespassed.

Earlier, the doctor said, she had come to her office for drugs for a pneumonia patient, had found Gen. Mgr. Frank D. Lambert and Gen. Supt. David Bell of the company emptying the place and had persuaded them to leave her drugs. But when she came back, everything had been removed by truck.

The sewers still run open in Force.

We'll say this for Hitler as compared with Bilbo: Hitler never claimed he was a democrat.

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YOUR CONGRESSMAN REPORTS



By GEORGE E. OUTLAND

(This week while Mr. Outland is still in California, the column is being written by his friend and colleague, Representative Estes Kefauver of Tennessee.)

MR. ATTLEE'S VISIT

The Prime Minister of Great Britain, Clement Attlee, successor to Winston Churchill recently addressed a joint session of Congress. He was following in the steps of Churchill who, just three weeks after Pearl Harbor, addressed the Senate. Also in May, 1945 Churchill appeared before a joint session of the House and Senate.

The procedure was typical of that usually followed at joint sessions of Congress. Perhaps the details would be of interest. The meeting was held in the House of Representatives because of the greater availability of seats. Members of the House took their seats in the rear and central sections, leaving all the front seats for the senators and official guests. Just prior to the convening of the joint session, the senators marched in and took the seats reserved for them.

Then came the diplomatic group led by Lord Halifax, British Ambassador. Next to enter the chamber were members of the President's cabinet. Seven of the ten were present for the occasion. Mr. McKenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, was next to enter. The Doorkeeper of the House announced Mr. King to the session and escorted him to his seat. The same ceremony had attended the entrance of the groups previously mentioned.

The Doorkeeper then announced Prime Minister Attlee of Great Britain, and a committee of the House and Senate escorted Mr. Atlee to the Speaker's platform. Mr. Attlee having been introduced by Speaker Rayburn in one sentence, began his 30 minute speech. Then in line with the usual custom, he shook hands again with the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate and was escorted from the Chamber, not having sat down during the entire procedure. He was followed in reverse order by the official guests. The Speaker then tapped his gavel and adjourned the joint session.

Mr. Attlee lacked the showmanship and eloquence of Winston Churchill, but his frankness was well received. He made a plea for a better understanding of his Labor Party Government and for international co-operation.

ATOMIC BOMB SETTLEMENT

The declaration on atomic energy jointly issued by President Truman, Prime Ministers Attlee and King, constitutes about as reasonable an approach to a complex problem as could be expected under present conditions.

The plan is to turn the facts about atomic energy and its future use over to the United Nations Organization. As soon as that organization is in a position to handle the problem, the heads of the three governments propose the prompt creation of a commission to make recommendations for exchange of scientific knowledge for peaceful use of atomic energy and for a policing of industrial plants manufacturing it. In other words, the three English-speaking democracies are willing to share the secret of atomic energy and place it under the control of the World Peace Organization "on a reciprocal basis." This means that Russia, France and other nations will have to join with us in an effort to make certain that this new and terrible force is used for the betterment and not for the destruction of mankind.

The plan will not please the extremist. Some wish to give all of our information to other countries without conditions. Others feel that we should unconditionally keep all information that we now possess. Compromise is about as practicable and reasonable as could be expected. The handling of this problem will be a great test for the new United Nations Organization.

Groups Backing Resolution to Ban Race Hate

New York City

A joint petition campaign indorsing Rep. Samuel Dickstein's Res. 89 condemning anti-Semitism has been launched by the Trade Union Committee for Jewish Unity and two other national organizations. The petition asks Congress to repudiate race hatred lies spouted on the floor by men like Sen. Theodore Bilbo and Rep. John Rankin.

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL!

The Way He Wants It . . . . . Charles



BOOKS for the CRAFTSMAN

HOW TO ESTIMATE FOR THE BUILDING TRADES, by Gilbert Townsend, J. Ralph Dalzell and James McKinney. 629 pages, 310 Illustrations, 44 tables. Price $4.75. Published by American Technical Society, 850 E. 58th Street, Chicago 37, Ill., Industrial Division, Dept. 1.

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PRACTICAL MATHEMATICS, by Glenn M. Hobbs, James McKinney and J. Ralph Dalzell. 600 Pages. Price $2.40. Published by American Technical Society, 850 E. 58th Street, Chicago 37, Ill., Industrial Division, Dept. 1.

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Pome of Pashun

There once was a lady named Stella
Who fell for a bow-legged fella.
But she, the poor sap,
Tried to sit on his lap
And landed ker-klunk in the cella!

Do You Know?

—That consumers' co-operatives (Rochdale plan) had their beginning in England over a hundred years ago?

—That now some 230 factories and over 12,000 retail stores are owned by the British working class through their co-ops?

—That in 1942 nine million men and women sold themselves over a billion dollars' worth of consumer necessities?

—That there is no organized tie between the co-ops and the labor groups, but that the bulk of the leadership of the co-operative movement can be found in the rank and file of British labor?

—That in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, France and Switzerland, organized labor has played a leading role in the development of consumer co-ops?

—That here in the United States strong farm co-operatives are in operation from Maine to Washington?

—That last year American co-ops bought a $5 million oil refinery in Kansas and a $1 million farm machinery plant in Indiana?

—That during the last ten years labor backing has developed many powerful consumer co-ops in the cities, one at Dillonvale, O., having 1548 members, 9 branch stores and $400,000 in assets?

—That every major labor organization in the United States has repeatedly urged the formation of co-ops to protect the pay envelope and to help bring about a better understanding between farmers and city people?

Coughlin Keeps 'Mum' When Interviewed On Nazi Witness Report

Royal Oak, Michigan

The office of Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, Roman Catholic radio priest now in relative obscurity, said there was no comment when Federated Press asked for an expression from Coughlin on the following item in Time magazine:

"Ley's choice for a defender at the war criminals trial, said an army major, had been Father Charles E. Coughlin." Ley was the head of Hitler's labor front, the fascist company union device that exploited labor in Germany. He hanged himself over the toilet in his prison cell in Nuremberg early in November.

$ $ $ $ $ $ $ $ YOUR DOLLAR

By CONSUMERS UNION

Electric Irons

Seven brands of electric irons have made their appearance on the market and have been tested and rated by Consumers Union in the current issue of Consumer Reports. Many of the major brands are still among the missing, however, and you may have to wait a while before you can get the particular one you want.

All the irons tested were of the 1000-watt, AC, automatic type, all were light weight (three to five pounds), all had temperature regulators, all had good cord sets and none, with the exception of the Steam-O-Matic, involved a shock hazard.

Temperature maintenance (the ability of the iron to stay at a fairly constant temperature during heavy ironing after the initial warming-up period) varied widely among the brands, however, and was one of the most important factors in determining the final ratings.

The Sunbeam Ironmaster and Westinghouse (Cat. No. LPC-414C) topped the list of acceptable brands.

That 2-Year Pen

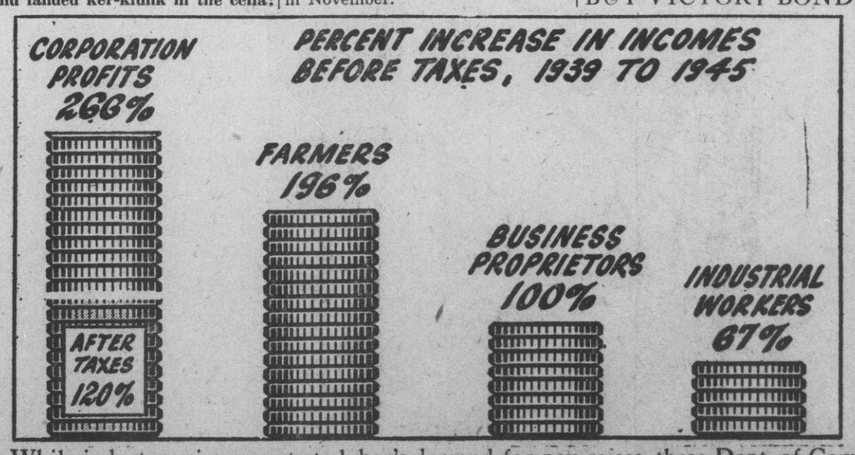
The highly-publicized "miracle" pen—the Reynolds Intl.—which is guaranteed to write for two years without refilling and to write in the stratosphere, under water and on cloth, cannot be depended upon for good performance under ordinary writing conditions, Consumers Union tests revealed.

Phonograph Needles

Consumers Union comes up this month with the second installment of tests and ratings on so-called permanent phonograph needles. Heading the list published in Consumer Reports, with coverage and tests as yet incomplete, is the Aeropoint "88" ($1.50), outranking the Fidelitone (50 to $1) in treble response (ability to transmit the very high tones) and in causing a minimum of record wear.

YOUR DOLLAR is a regular monthly feature. The facts and opinions are based on Consumer Reports, the monthly magazine of Consumers Union, 17 Union Sq., New York 3, N.Y., a non-profit organization whose main object is to safeguard buyers by testing and reporting on consumer goods.

BUY VICTORY BONDS



While industry cries poverty to labor's demand for pay raises, these Dept. of Commerce figures show how worker's income was kept down while farm and business profits soared. (From Labor's Monthly Survey via Federated Pictures)

Peace—Ain't It Wonderful? But People See War

Denver, Colo.

The belief that the U. S. will be engaged in another war in the next 25 to 50 years is steadily increasing, the National Opinion Research Center announced here as it made public the result of its latest poll on the subject.

In September, 67 per cent of those polled—representing a cross section of American adults—believed the country would be in another war in 50 years; 44 per cent thought it would be in 25 years.

Only last March, the figures were 59 per cent for war in 50 years, 35 per cent for war in 25 years. A third poll last July gave results midway between the March and September figures. "Typical" quotations from those polled gave discovery of the atom bomb and biblical prophecies as the reason for expecting new wars.

Truman's Health Program Bogging As Congressmen Fear Medics

Washington, D. C.

Pressure from the organized doctors of America is expected to make Congress move slowly on President Harry S. Truman's charter for health carrying out President Roosevelt's economic bill of rights provision for adequate medical care for all Americans. The American Medical Association, fortress of private medicine, warned in Chicago that it would battle the proposal as "socialized medicine," despite specific guarantees contained in it to avoid just such criticism.

The health insurance program contained in the proposal would cost an estimated $3 billion annually to be paid for under taxes, and it carries adequate provision to halt attacks from reactionary doctors and surgeons.

In the Senate the bill will come before the education and labor committee headed by Sen. James Murray (D., Mont.), while the House committee is the interstate health subcommittee headed by Rep. Percy Priest (D., Tenn.).

Just what ever became of that loquacious citizen who was so sure that all our labor troubles would end if we could only get Madame Perkins out of the Cabinet?—DAILY OKLAHOMAN.

Big Biz Attack On Labor Aided By Tax Rebates, Says Union Head

Newark, N. J.

Congress has subsidized the big business fight against unions by granting rebates on excess profits taxes paid during the war, Sec. Vincent J. Murphy told the New Jersey Federation of Labor at the opening of its 67th annual convention here.

Delegates to this convention did not have to await the mayor's convenience to hear him deliver the accustomed speech of welcome. The mayor of Newark, recently re-elected, is Sec. Murphy.

Resolutions supporting the Wagner-Murray-Dingell health insurance and social security bill, the 65c minimum wage bill, aid to veterans and a fight against racial discrimination are before the delegates.

A resolution urging AFL Pres. William Green to "heed the rank and file" and attempt to have wages discussed at the Washington labor-management conference was rejected, however, by the resolutions committee.

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